

### Soroptimists Hold First Meet of Year

An interesting and informative letter from a member of the Sussex, Eng. Soroptimist Club was read at the first meeting of the new year of the Soroptimist Club International held Tuesday at the Western Ave. Cafe. The letter was written to Winona Ellis, The Sussex, Eng. club is a sister club of the local group.

During a business session conducted by Edith Ennis a new office of second vice-president was created and Addie Parks was elected to serve in this capacity. The resignation of Dr. Virginia Tyler as director of the club was accepted. Reports of the last meetings were given by Edna Salhus, secretary.

Kay Doss won the door prize. Helen Smith of the Inglewood club was a guest. Members attending were Edith Ennis, Mary Limburger, Addie Parks, Lavilla McMillan, Lella Bowen, Kay Doss, Charlotte Luke, Helen Rogers, Pearl Soules, Edna Salhus, Pearl Groot, Margaret Herrin, Ruth Smith, Norma Higgenbotham and Adele Lowe.

### Beta Sigmas Plan Program

Beta Sigma Phi held its first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Jewell Wardell, 21121 Denker Ave., with 19 members present.

During a business meeting conducted by Mrs. E. W. Stirling, president, the group's philanthropies for the year were discussed. A needy family to be assisted throughout the year was adopted by the chapter.

Refreshments were served during the social hour.

### COUPLE TO MAKE EASTERN TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clinkscale, 1451 El Prado, are planning to leave by train Feb. 7 for Detroit, Mich., where they will take delivery on a new car. They will then visit with friends and relatives in Columbus, Ohio, and at Independence, Kan. Mrs. Clinkscale's former home. The couple will be away from Torrance for approximately a month.



(Herald Photo) ASSUMING NEW DUTIES . . . as officers of the Nativity Catholic Church Altar Society are front, from left, Mrs. William J. McDonald, vice-president; Mrs. G. E. Gordon, secretary; back row, from left, Mrs. Delbert White, outgoing president; Mrs. E. M. Bernardin, president; and Mrs. Thelma Graham, treasurer; Mrs. White was presented with a gift in appreciation for her services during the past year at a meeting Tuesday evening at the parish hall.

### Society Elects New Officers; Maps Program for Year

New officers to direct the activities of the Altar Society of the Nativity Catholic church were elected at a meeting of the society Tuesday evening at the parish hall. Mrs. E. M. Bernardin will serve as the new president, succeeding Mrs. Delbert White. Serving with Mrs. Bernardin will be Mrs. William McDonald, vice president; Mrs. Thelma Graham, treasurer and Mrs. G. E. Gordon, secretary.

During a business meeting conducted by Mrs. White, plans were made for the showing of a film by the Medical Missionaries of Mary at the parish hall at 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 21.

A membership drive was also planned under the direction of Mrs. Frank Gately, July Guild chairman.

Two new members attending the meeting were K. M. and F. M. Shanessy.

Serving as chairman for the year are: January, Mrs. Lawrence Gitschler; February, Mrs. Nell McConlogue; March, Mrs. Thomas Fichter; April, Corwin Dean; May, Mrs. Delbert White; June, Mrs. Robert Morffe; July, Mrs. Frank Gately; August, Mrs. William McDonald; September, Mrs. Douglas Schnorr; October, Mrs. Edward Bernardin; November, Mrs. Regina Cunningham; and December, Mrs. John Melville.

During the social hour, refreshments were served by Mrs. Regina Cunningham, Ellis Cook, Delbert White, Gerald Lowe, and William Hill.

## The Social World

.....for and About Women

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### Bridge Tournament Planned By Torrance Club Juniors

Torrance Junior Woman's club members are busy with plans for their bridge tournament which will begin Jan. 18. The next two bridge sessions will be held Feb. 1 and Feb. 15. This is the club's first ways and means project of the new year.

Plans for the tournament will be completed at a meeting Wednesday at the Woman's clubhouse. Various committees will give their reports. Mrs. H. W. Sommer will be hostess at Wednesday's meeting.

Mrs. Robert D. Evans is chairman for the bridge tournament. Her committee is composed of Mrs. James Halle, Mrs. Charles Rippey, Jr., Mrs. Lee Allen, and Mrs. Ray Lires.

There will be four hostesses for each card party. Hostesses announced for the Jan. 18 session are Mrs. R. D. Evans, Mrs. Ray Lires, Mrs. C. Albert Smith, and Mrs. Halle James.

When tallies are purchased the name of the hostess will be known. After the bridge series, tallies will be held until Feb. 23 when prizes will be awarded at the annual dessert card party to be given Feb. 23.

Club members are also planning to make scrap books, using Christmas cards, for the physically handicapped children at the Harlan Shoemaker school in San Pedro.

A white elephant sale will also be held at the meeting Wednesday. Mrs. Fred Smith is chairman.

### RECENT GUESTS

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, 2450 25th St., were Mrs. Johnson's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson of Chandler, Arizona.

### MOTHERS CLUB

Job's Daughters Mothers club will meet for a business session Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Pearl Thayne, 1029 W. 223rd St. Mrs. Edna Babcock will be the co-hostess.

### Juniorettes Hold Lesson In Charm

A lesson in charm was held at the meeting of the Epsilon Alpha Juniorettes Monday evening at the home of Adrienne Aselin. The girls were instructed on how to get in and out of a car, sitting and walking gracefully and proper introductions.

### HOLIDAY PARTY AT OSTERLIND HOME

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Osterlind, 2813 Sonoma, entertained with a New Year's party at their home. Balloons, confetti and serpentine provided a festive atmosphere. Cocktails were served and the evening was spent in dancing. At midnight the New Year was welcomed with much hilarity after which the hosts served a buffet supper.

Their guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Spencer, of North Hollywood; Miss Alvina Kiefisch and Karl Smith, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Haist and Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Smith, all of Westchester, Mr. and Mrs. William Dieley of Redondo Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodrum of Torrance.

### FAMILY PARTY

Holiday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jones and daughter, Miss Mary Jones, 2118 Marling Ave., were their sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones and Evan and twins, Carolyn and Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jones and Gordon Jr., and Diane, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones and Bryan and Lorne of Lomita. They were also joined by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chalton of San Pedro, old friends who have spent every Christmas for the past 25 years at the Jones home.

### VISIT DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Frey, 2463 25th St., Lomita, spent the holidays with their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Millin in their lovely new home in San Gabriel. Mr. Millin is superintendent of a chemical company.

### Keystone

Keystone Women's Club will meet Wednesday at noon for their annual birthday dinner and homecoming at the clubhouse. A business meeting will be conducted by Mrs. J. H. Parker.

### SISTER HERE

Mrs. C. A. Wagner of Sioux Falls, S. D., spent last week here visiting with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle O'Hara. Mrs. Wagner had been visiting her son Charles Wagner, Jr. and family in Santa Ana and they accompanied her to Torrance and spent the day.

### GARDEN CLUB

Torrance Terrace Garden club will meet Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Victor Benstead, 1821 Beech. A business meeting and program will follow the dessert.

### Mardi Gras Theme Chosen For 1955 Spring Fashion Show by Catholic Women

In a brilliant Mardi Gras setting, members of the Council of Catholic Women of St. Catherine Labouré parish will sponsor a benefit spring fashion show tomorrow evening at 8 in the Gardena Community Center. Glittering fans and flowers will decorate the individual tables and harlequin masks will adorn the programs.

Arrangements for the show, which will feature fashions for madame and mademoiselle for spring of 1955, are under the direction of Mrs. James Van Hoven.

The clever Mardi Gras decorations were planned by Mrs. Joseph Remlinger. Mrs. Leo Pryor is in charge of the entertainment and Mrs. A. W. McGuire is supervising the refreshments. Tickets sales have been handled by Mrs. Edward H. Martin and Mrs. L. Russell Caisson is in charge of the models. Mrs. Hugo J. Dallas will serve as fashion coordinator and Mrs. William J. Kane is handling the publicity.

Fashions for the show are being provided by local firms. These modeling will be Misses, George W. Neeland, Malcolm W. Fonger, Henry Mayes, Fred W. Rice, Thomas Frontiera, William J. Kane, F. M. Gaspar, R. G. Doyle and Miss Loretta Hill.

### DELPHIAN UNIT MEETS JAN. 13

Kappa chapter of the Delphian Society will meet at the Torrance library in the lecture room Thursday, Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. Discussion for the day will be "Personality Tests and Measurements."

### SEWING CIRCLE

Royal Neighbors Sewing Circle will hold a pot luck luncheon at 12 noon tomorrow at the Torrance Woman's clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave. Bety McNeil, the new president will be in charge.

### VISITS FAMILY

Mrs. Ila Gilbert, 1504 Date Ave., spent Christmas Eve with her granddaughter, Mrs. John Howell in Compton and Christmas Day with her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Crane in San Pedro.

### TO ARRIVE

Air Force cadet John J. Hunt will arrive Monday, Jan. 17 for a ten day stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hunt of 1924 Arlington Ave. He entered the service Nov. 2 and has completed basic training.



IN A COZY ATMOSPHERE . . . around the fireplace at the home of Mrs. Robert Ledwidge, 5124 MacAfee Ave., the newly elected officers of the Seaside Hi-Liters club planned their philanthropies for the new year. Discussing their charitable

work to be done and an active social program are from left, Mrs. Pat Patterson, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Ledwidge, president; Mrs. Bud Bedrosian, secretary; and Mrs. Gay Eustace, Jr., vice-president.

### Lioness Club Entertained

Mrs. George Powell entertained the Lioness club Tuesday at the home of Mrs. H. J. Osborne, 3026 Torrance Blvd. Mrs. A. B. McTea, president, conducted a business meeting at which time the group planned to entertain the Harbor City-Lomita Liantamers Saturday, Feb. 19 at the American Legion Hall.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 18 at the home of Mrs. Roy Peterson, 17310 Ardath Ave.

### Seaside Hi-Liters Mark First Birthday, Elect New Officers, Plan Year of 1955

First birthday of their organization and the election of new officers for 1955 highlighted the meeting of the Seaside Hi-Liters club at the home of Mrs. Robert Ledwidge at 5124 MacFee, Tuesday evening, Jan. 4.

Elected to direct the activities of this social and philanthropic group were: Mrs. Ledwidge, president; Mrs. Gay Eustace, Jr., vice president; Mrs. H. H. Patterson, treasurer.

### HOLIDAY WITH SON

Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Figgins, 1632 Juniper St., went to Fort Ord and spent Christmas with their son, Kelvin, who accompanied them home for the New Year's holiday. He has returned to Fort Ord and is awaiting new orders.

### Home for Holidays

Neil Schwab, who is attending the United States Army's Technical Automotive school in Atlanta, Georgia, was here for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Schwab, 1508 Acaela Ave.

### HOLIDAY WITH SON

The past year's accomplishments for the group has included the adoption of the women of Ward D-6 of the Harbor General hospital, who have been visited and presented with gifts and refreshments; a large donation of clothing and other necessities for the Navajo Indian reservation at Coatsdale, Ariz.; and monetary, food and clothing donations to three local families, who had met with misfortune during the year.

In a business meeting, plans for charity work and social functions for the coming year were discussed. At the next general meeting, which is scheduled for Jan. 18 at the home of

surer and Mrs. Bud Bedrosian, secretary.

Club members are: Misses Alice Beard, Lillian Miller, Frank Callahan, Ann Minten, Ruth Waddington, Reba Drake, Roberta Miller, Agnes Wileshire, Atha Milson, Gay Eustace, Jr., Lee Shanks, Frank Burk, Robert Ledwidge, Dorothy Swanson, W. L. Ansley, H. H. Patterson, Dorothy Gunther, Marilyn Jennings, Mary Chalifoux.

Others are: Misses Joan Filigiano, Jo Jurisich, Charlene Phillips, Emma Dallas, Dorothy Irwin, Alice Hunter, Helen Stever, Frank Dwyer, Rosalie McClune, Pauline Kessler, Dan Johnson, John Breiner, Charles Lumsden, Bud Bedrosian and Marie Reiger.

### HOLIDAY GUESTS AT ROGERS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Snow and children Jowanna Kay, Kendall Ray and Beverly Ann of Early, Oklahoma, and Lavern Snow of Elreno, Oklahoma, have returned to their homes after having spent the Christmas holidays here with their mother, Mrs. O. E. Rogers and Mr. Rogers at 22105 S. Normandie in Torrance.

Other holiday guests at the Rogers' home were, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Holstin of Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Fitzpatrick and daughter, Joanne and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard and daughter, Joleen, all of Hemet; J. C. Burton and Robert McConnelly of Whittier; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers and son R. Stewart of Long Beach and Dwayne of Wilmington; John Carl Peele of Torrance.

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### WATCH PARTY

Senior MYF of the First Methodist Church of Torrance 1551 El Prado, held a New Year's Eve party at the church from 8 until 2 a.m., Dec. 31.

Highlighting the entertainment was a skit by Rev. Dan Shelby, Alan Tucker, Gerry Roberts and Bill Traw. Games and dancing were enjoyed throughout the evening.

off is Mrs. Lee Stamps, past chairman of the Torrance Branch and now district finance chairman, who is serving as co-chairman.

The local Centennial celebration will be touched off by the Kickoff Brunch and will be spearheaded by the local Branch Committee headed by Nell Colburn, Branch chairman. Members of the branch committee are: Mrs. Clara Conner, vice-chairman; Mrs. Mims Solomon, 2nd vice-chairman; Mrs. J. K. Clutter, secretary; Mrs. Darwin Parrish, treasurer; Mmes. Phelan Foley, Floyd Miller, L. A. McCoo, Miles Booth, Robert Evans, Jr., Marvin Kent, E. S. Moon, Maude Ohart, E. E. Palmer, Rufus Sandstrom, and Mrs. Walter Sistrone.



HERALDING SPRING FASHIONS . . . are members of the Women's council of St. Catherine Labouré parish, who will stage a Mardi Gras fashion show tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the Gardena Community Center. Making plans for the affair are, from left, front row, Mmes. Malcolm W. Fonger, James Van Hoven, Joseph Remlinger, Back row, Mmes. Henry Mues and William J. Kane.

### HARBOR YWCA LAUNCHES 100TH YEAR CELEBRATION WITH BRUNCH JAN. 17

Many Torrance women will be attending the Centennial Kickoff Brunch for the Harbor District YWCA to be held on Monday, January 17, at headquarters building, 437 W. Ninth St., San Pedro, beginning at 10:30 a.m., according to Mrs. M. M. Schwab, Centennial chairman for Torrance.

The Centennial Kickoff will launch the official Centennial observance and celebration in the Harbor District.

The purpose of the national celebration is the rededication of the raising of a national Centennial Fund of \$5,000,000 to strengthen and expand the work of the Association in the United States and overseas.

As the Torrance YW prepares to take an active part in launching its Birthday Gifts effort, the National Board of the YWCA announced in New York City that cash gifts, pledges, life income gifts and bequests commitments toward the \$2,000,000 national "credits" fund totaled more than \$1,500,000. Local associations including Torrance have accepted birthday gift objectives toward the total of \$5,000,000, according to Mrs. Laurence Rockefeller, national chairman of the Centennial Observance and Celebration.

January 10 to 17 has been designated as Centennial Week. It will be sparked by a national inaugural luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on January 11. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, has accepted the invitation to be the guest of honor and principal speaker.

A parallel luncheon is scheduled in Washington, D.C. at the same time. At that event, Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower, honorary chairman of the National Citizens Committee, will join in heralding the start of the Centennial year's festivities.

The Harbor District celebra-

tion will be highlighted by the first local showing of the new YWCA feature - length color moving picture, "Widening Circle," produced by Julien Bryan, internationally known pioneer producer of documentary films and directed by Francis Thompson. A new type of color process was used in the filming of this picture and those who have seen the "rough cuts" of the movie early this fall were impressed by its beauty and could well understand why Mr. Bryan has chosen the YWCA production as one of the documentaries he is showing in a series at Town Hall in New York City this winter.

Assisting Mrs. Schwab in the local preparations for the Kick-

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